

# Aylesford Parish Council

## Environmental Services Committee

### Minutes of the Meeting held in the Capel Morris Centre on 25 May 2021

**Present:** Councillor Ludlow (Chairman) and Councillors Balcombe, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Sullivan, Walker, Winnett and Wright.

**In Attendance:** Melanie Randall (Acting Clerk)

**Apologies:** Councillors Hammond and Ms Papagno.

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#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of Absence from Councillors Hammond (Unwell) and Ms Papagno (Personal Commitment) were received, and the reason for absence agreed.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest additional to those contained in the Register of Members Interests other than Councillor Mrs Gadd disclosed an interest in item 13 and she took no part in the discussion or decision.

#### 3. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

It was **Agreed** that Councillor Ludlow be elected Chairman of the Committee for 2021/22.

It was **Agreed** that Councillor Mrs Gadd be elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for 2021/22.

#### 4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 April 2021

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed.

#### 5. Small Works Programme

No further works have been completed since reporting to the last meeting of this Committee.

## **6. Aylesford Village Square**

The Acting Clerk reported that the paving works had taken place on Monday 24 May 2021  
**Closed**

## **7. Parking at the Upper Bell Slip Road**

The matter of the lorries parking on this slip road is still an ongoing problem. Councillor Kennedy will be pushing KCC to provide more lorry parks and will update this Council in due course.  
**Ongoing**

## **8. Highway Improvement Plan**

The agreed plan was submitted to KCC on 30 April, they are now looking at feasibility and costs. Once this has been completed there will be a discussion around what can be done and what contribution (if any) the Parish Council would be required to make towards any approved scheme(s)  
**Ongoing**

## **9. 155 Bus Service**

Councillor Gledhill informed the Committee that he had emailed Dan Bruce at KCC, Tracey Crouch and Andrew Kennedy about this bus service and will report back to this Committee once a response is received.  
**Ongoing**

## **10. Container of Eccles Recreation Ground**

The Acting Clerk reported that she had still not yet received a response from the resident to the various questions she has asked. Councillor Ludlow also stated he had not received a response either yet.  
**Ongoing**

## **11. Entrance to Podkin Meadow**

The Acting Clerk reported that she had spoken to Station Haulage about postponing the works until the Autumn to give KCC time to move the footpath from private land onto Podkin Meadow. Station Haulage agreed and the Council is to contact them when they are ready for the works to be carried out. This work will be added to the 'Works Programme'  
**Closed**

## **12. Access Road to Rugby Club – Pot Holes**

A minor complaint was recently received via the Rugby Club from a resident in the houses opposite stating that as there are a lot of loose stones on the access road that have come out of the pot holes and as the vehicles drive in and out it is making a crunching noise. The Acting Clerk has looked and there isn't really very much debris there so has not arranged for the road to be swept by a road sweeper. She is in the process of obtaining quotes for the repair of the potholes. Once she has three quotes she will report back to this Committee.  
**Ongoing**

## **13. Dog Waste bin Blue Bell Hill and Tunbury Recreation Ground**

TMBC have installed a new dog waste bin in Tunbury Recreation Ground after 19 months of it being out of action and also one in Blue Bell Hill that only recently broke.  
**Closed**

## **14. Gap between Ferryfield and Rugby Club**

The Acting Clerk apologised that she had not had time to visit the site due to Year End commitments taking priority.  
**Ongoing**

### **15. Aylesford Football Club – Request to use Forstal Recreation Ground**

The Council had received a request from the Football Club to use the recreation ground as follows

Half Term Holiday Club on 2 and 3 June 2021 – **Agreed**

Tournament on 4 and 5 September 2021 – **Agreed**

Any restrictions in place on the dates of the events will be adhered to and capacity for attendees will be reduced in order to comply with social distancing etc. **Closed**

The Acting Clerk reported that she had received an additional email from the Football Club asking if the Parish had anywhere else, they could use for football. They have a waiting list and have recently been swamped with children wanting to join Aylesford Football Club so they are looking to find them somewhere to play. There was a discussion around this and the Acting Clerk will make some enquiries and report back to this Committee. **Ongoing**

### **16. Electric Car Charging Points**

The Council has received an enquiry from a member of the public asking if the Parish has any plans to install electric car charging points in its private car park on Forstal Road. The Acting Clerk informed members that she has looked at the guidance for the funding that is available from KCC to Parish Council's. The funding is predominantly aimed at Parish's who have responsibility for a Village Hall, however KCC recognise that not all Parish Council's are responsible for a Hall, therefore they are open to explore other options within each Parish. The guidance states that the charging points should be installed in a public car park that has 24/7 access, however it is noted that the Forstal Road car park does not as it is locked at night. The Parish Council also has the Tunbury Hall car park which is open 24/7, there is a gate but it is not closed. The guidance states that there should not be any charges to the Parish Council and KCC will fund up to 10k for the installation including parking bay markings, those who can match fund will be prioritised although this is not essential. On average two normal car parking bays will be lost with each car charging point installed.

It was **Agreed** that the Acting Clerk apply for the funding for both sites. **Ongoing**

### **17. Any Other Business**

The Acting Clerk reported that the works to reduce the speed limit to 50mph and introduce new traffic islands will start from 12 July 2021 and will last up to 6 weeks.

Councillor Shelley requested that the possible adoption of Aylesford Train Station be included in the Policy & Resources Agenda on 1 June 2021. **Ongoing**

### **18. Duration of Meeting**

7.30pm to 8.08pm